

## **Ruth Kees Environmental Award for a Sustainable Community 2005 Call for Nominations**

### **Who is Ruth Kees?**

Ruth Kees is a teacher, mentor, and role model for those willing to pursue the vision of a sustainable Issaquah with extraordinary commitment. As a grassroots activist for 43 years in the Issaquah Basin, Ruth has advocated for preservation of landmarks and natural areas, sustainable development, recycling programs, and protection of the Issaquah Valley Aquifer and Tiger Mountain. She has brought environmental issues to the forefront of community consciousness and inspired citizen activism, leadership, and participation.

### **Award Description**

The Ruth Kees Environmental Award honors her lasting legacy by recognizing the efforts of individuals who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to protecting and preserving Issaquah's natural resources for a sustainable community.

### **Award Recipient Selection Process**

Please complete the attached nomination form and return by 3/18/05 to:

Attn: Ruth Kees Award

City of Issaquah Resource Conservation Office

PO Box 1307

Hand Delivery: 1775 12<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Public Works - Engineering

Issaquah, WA 98027

Fax (425) 837-3409

Email: [rco@ci.issaquah.wa.us](mailto:rco@ci.issaquah.wa.us)

All nominations will be submitted to the Rivers and Streams Board. They will recommend up to 5 potential award recipients to the Mayor and Council President, who will make the final decision. If nominations do not meet the criteria and standards for the award, no award presentation will be held that year. The award will be presented at an Issaquah City Council meeting in April.

### **Award Criteria:**

The award can be given to individuals who meet the following criteria.

1. Significant efforts to protect and preserve the Issaquah Basin's natural attributes.
2. Persistent commitment and ongoing dedication to environmental excellence, willingness to persevere under adverse conditions.
3. Grassroots activism efforts which have changed governmental, individual or business policies and /or decisions that result in the increased long-term sustainability of the Issaquah community.

### **Award Recognition:**

1. Selection and planting one of several tree types in the Grove of Trees. The Grove of Trees plaque will be engraved to include the name of the 2005 recipient. The location of the Grove of Trees is currently being determined.
2. Public Recognition of the accomplishments of the award recipient, including a Mayoral Proclamation, Council Resolution, city publication / website / TV notice, and local Public Service Announcements.

# Ruth Kees Environmental Award for a Sustainable Community Nomination Form

## Cover Sheet:

### 1. Nominee Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Nominee References: Please list three references who are well-acquainted with the nominee's work.

Reference 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference 3 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Nominator Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: : \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Signature: : \_\_\_\_\_

Additional signatures are optional.

Additional Nominator Signature: : \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: : \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional Nominator Signature: : \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: : \_\_\_\_\_

#### **4. Detailed Description of Environmental Achievement**

In 3 pages or less, describe the outstanding environmental achievement of the nominee. This statement should contain the following headings:

- \* The nature of the environmental issue and/or challenge.
- \* How the nominee addressed the issues and any obstacles encountered.
- \* What was accomplished and why this accomplishment is significant.
- \* How the nominee influenced others to act.
- \* The legacy or lasting imprint of this effort.

#### **5. Background Information on Nominee (1/2 page or less):**

Briefly describe the nominee's current occupational affiliation (if applicable); past involvement with environmental and related issues; and, if known, other awards or recognition received.

Note that this information is requested for public information purposes and the lack of past involvement with environmental issues will not preclude a nominee from winning an award.

#### **6. Supporting Material:**

If available, include documentation such as newspaper articles pertinent to the nominee's activity or materials such as articles or booklets created by the nominee. Limit your supporting materials to three items. The judges will not consider additional attachments.